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## NEW WOOD: ALLAN CUP 2003:

By Ross Kingdon

Every once in a while, I receive a wooden nickel simply because someone knows that I collect such. This 'Allan Cup' wood is a case in point. My two sons both attended McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario and thus have many friends in that area. One such friend still living in Hamilton happened to be attending some of the Allan Cup Senior Hockey Tournament games this past spring. *Dundas* (part of Hamilton) was the year 2003 host of this tournament which featured qualifying teams from different parts of Canada. I believe a team from Quebec Province was the eventual winner. This young friend was inclined to occasionally visit the tournament 'beer tent' set up for the event. Beer was selling for \$3.50 each or three for \$10.00. The latter, of course was the best deal (anything to save \$.50). If you didn't take all three beers at one time you were given these wooden tokens to cash in later. This young friend of my sons had just happened, in the past, to visit our home and had seen some of my wood collection and knew I just might want one of these. He kept one for me ( I did pay him \$3.50 for it).



What has happened to all of the other tokens used in that beer tent? So far we have been unable to track down their whereabouts but we're still trying. They will obviously be of no more use after year 2003 as some other location in Canada will be hosting next year's year 2004 Allan Cup tournament.

The moral of this story would be, I guess, to make sure all your friends and relatives know you collect 'wooden nickels'. You never know from whom you might receive one!

The wood is a small 31 mm in diameter and is black on both sides stamped with a rubber stamp. The one side reads "REAL McCOYS DUNDAS". The other side reads "ALLAN CUP 2003".

## JOHN REGITKO ARTICLES *Continued:*

I, once again, have included articles submitted to me from CAWMC member *John Regitko* (pages 3,4,5 and 6). In the first article, John continues on the topic of 'Wooden Tokens Issued By Him But Not Credited To Him'. A second article highlights woods issued by former C.N.A. president Marvin Kay and the last article relates an unusual story of a coin club in Pennsylvania. Again, 'Thank you', John for these submissions.



**PENNANTS ON BLUENOSE:**

CAWMC President *Norm Belsten* recently did a two-page article on the 'Bluenose On Canadian Woods' (pages 5 & 6 July 2003). On that same Bluenose topic, CAWMC member **Bob Brown of Highspire, PA** has sent me information pointing out that one of the large Nova Scotia woods issued has **flags** or **pennants** on the masts. All of the other woods of this type had masts going up into the denticles around the obverse of the wood. In his letter, Bob says he has not seen another wood like this one but feels certain there are others out there. Your editor checked his large woods and yes, I too have a Nova Scotia wood with the flags or pennants. So as Bob says, there are others out there. Thanks, Bob for this information.

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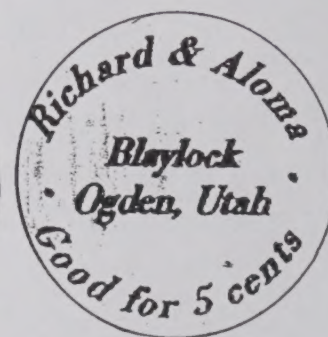
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**FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH**

The year 2002 Winter Olympics were held in Salt Lake City, Utah. This month's free wood token recognizes that event and was issued by CAWMC members **Richard and Aloma Blaylock** of North Ogden, Utah. They gave me enough tokens for all members when we met at the recent Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Windsor, Ontario. Thank you, Richard and Aloma.



## WOODEN TOKENS ISSUED BY JOHN REGITKO BUT USUALLY NOT CREDIT TO HIM - PART 2

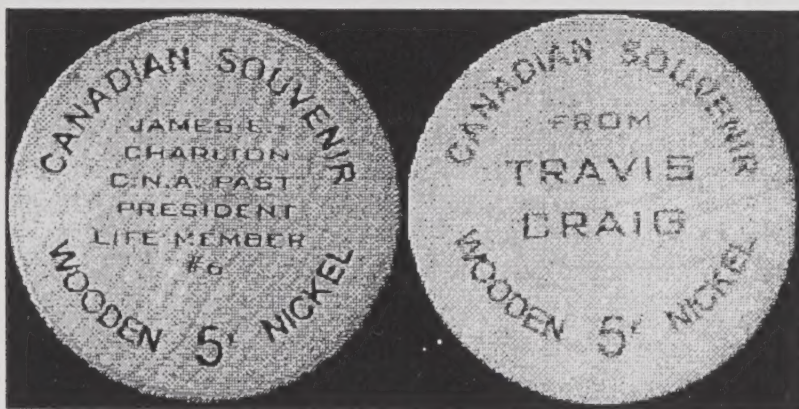
*by John Regitko, CAWMC member*

In the last Timber Talk, I mentioned a number of wooden nickels that are not generally credit to me for issuing. Below are a few additional issues that I was responsible for having manufactured, although others picked up the cost of manufacture.

As Chairman of the Banquet at the 1994 ONA Convention in 1994, I solicited a number of worthwhile prizes for the door draw. Included were complimentary subscriptions to any of the Trajan Press publications (including Canadian Coin News), books donated by the J. Douglas Ferguson Memorial Foundation, "My 2 Cents Worth" books authored by the late Jack Veffert and 2 lots of 250 woods by Norm Belsten of Norm's Hot Stamping. The deal was that the winners would each receive 250 woods on 38 mm blanks featuring the 1994 CNA Convention design that would be used by Norm's Hot Stamping (illustrated at left). Each person attending the upcoming 1994 CNA Convention in Hamilton would receive one, with the balance to be presented to the winners at the CNA Banquet. Draws were conducted on a "winners choice" basis, where the winners selected their choice from the prizes layed out on a table.



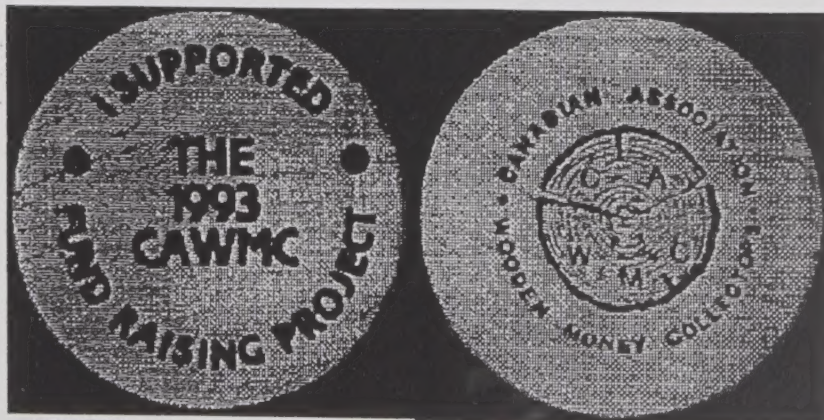
The two prizes of wooden issues were selected by Jim Charlton and Travis Craig. Although ONA-member Jim Charlton needs absolutely no introduction, Travis Craig is, understandably,



not known to the hobby. Travis was one of two guests at the Banquet. I had invited David Craig, designer of a number of Canadian coins, as keynote speaker. Travis Craig was accompanying his father to hear him speak and when his number was drawn, he selected the wooden nickel prize since he had never owned a wooden nickel in his life, never mind having one issued with his name on it. They were printed with blue ink on both sides, on 38 mm blanks, by Norm Belsten. Although Jim Charlton received his at

the CNA Convention on July 23, 1994, Travis Craig's were delivered by me to him at the Craig residence since he would not be attending the Convention. As luck would have it, Travis was an avid fan of airplanes and, I was told by his father, presented a number of them to his school chums with great pride.

In 1993, I volunteered to put together a fund raiser for the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC). As part of the enticement to have CAWMC members order woods from the fixed price list, I



asked Jim Edwards of Universal Signs to donate a special "in appreciation" wooden nickel that would be included with each order. Universal Signs donated 100 of these woods. in red ink on 38 mm blanks.

With the woods donated by CAWMC members and with Universal Signs donating this wood, the only expense incurred was the printing and distribution of the fixed price list.



# THE COMMEMORATIVE WOODS AND OTHER COLLECTIBLES ISSUED BY DR. MARVIN KAY

*by John Regitko, CAWMC member*

Marvin Kay, M.D., a resident of North York, Ont., is a collector of numismatic items involving the field of medicine. This includes coins, medals, tokens and paper money dealing with health care, doctors, nurses, hospitals, medical milestones and other topics and personalities related to the healing professions.



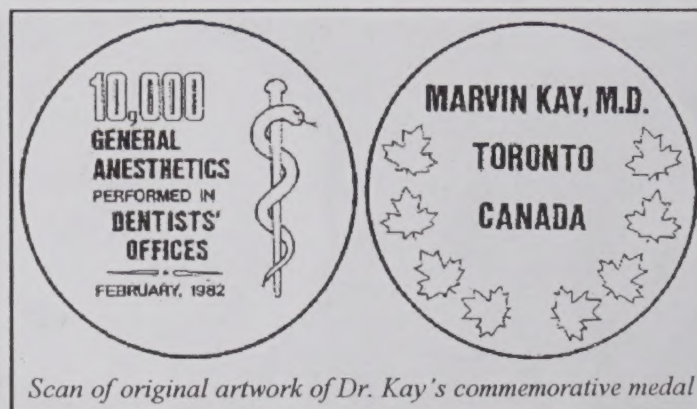
His interest came as a result of his background. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and spent a further 5 years of study in the field of anesthesiology. In 1967, he began the part-time practice of administering general anesthetics in dental offices. There proved to be such a demand for his services that he ultimately became a full-time

travelling anesthesiologist.

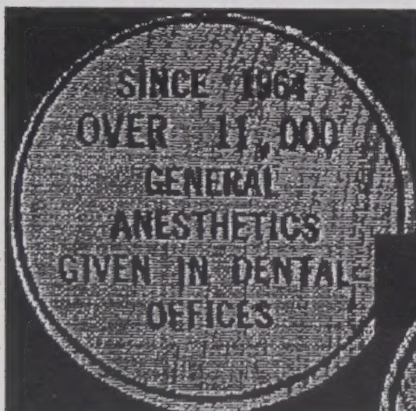
Early in 1982, he reached a milestone in his career with the administration of his 10,000th dental office anesthetic, a record probably unequalled by anyone else in Canada (or perhaps even in North America). Dr. Kay combined his hobby and his profession by having 50 copies of a medal made to celebrate this occasion. The medal, pictured above, includes the staff of Asclepius with the entwined snake.

Most of them were distributed to his dental colleagues who helped him to reach this number of general anesthetics. He donated a few to clubs for door draws. I was fortunate to have acquired one a number of years ago.

To commemorate various milestones since that time, he has issued various commemorative wooden tokens.



*Scan of original artwork of Dr. Kay's commemorative medal*



Quantity of 250 woods issued in Oct. 1983 to commemorate 11,000 anesthetics. Printed with black ink on both sides.



Quantity of 250 woods issued in May 1985 to commemorate 12,000 anesthetics. Previous reverse used, therefore wrongly date.





TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY  
SOUVENIR CARD  
OCTOBER 22, 1985  
**MARVIN KAY, M.D.**



On October 22, 1965, Dr. Marvin Kay administered a general anesthetic to a patient in a private dental office. This marked the beginning of a career that flourished during the past two decades. Dr. Kay's travelling anesthetic practice is probably unique in North America.

With this souvenir card, Dr. Kay combines his hobby of numismatics and his profession as a peripatetic anesthesiologist. The banknote shown above is a 1922 'notgeld' from the German village of Hannov-Munden. It describes Dr. Kay's career

perfectly. The obverse, on the left, portrays a Dr. Eisenbarth, an itinerant physician immortalized in a local folk song. In his left hand he holds a gold-headed cane, then a symbol of the medical profession.

The other side of the banknote shows the doctor performing a dental extraction. Slumped behind him is a previous patient recovering from the effects of Dr. Eisenbarth's anesthetic injection. At his feet rests a bottle labeled 'Opium'. In the top and bottom margins are some words of the folk song.

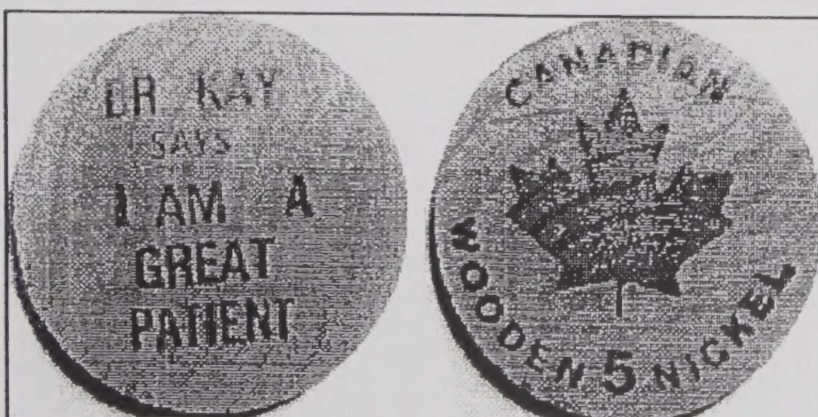
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*Quantity of 250 woods issued in 1989 to commemorate 15,000 anesthetics. Printed with black ink on both sides.*



*A quantity of 200 woods were manufactured by Dr. Kay to give to young patients who found it necessary to avail themselves of his services. Printed with black ink both sides.*

Dr. Kay also issued a souvenir card on October 22, 1985 commemorating the 20th anniversary of administering his first general anesthetic to a patient in a private dental office. The souvenir card reads as follows:

"On October 22, 1965, Dr. Marvin Kay administered a general anesthetic to a patient in a private dental office. This marked the beginning of a career that flourished during the previous two decades.

"He again combined his hobby of numismatics and his profession as a peripatetic anesthesiologist by issuing a quantity of 1000 souvenir card (illustrated at left). The banknote shown on the souvenir card is a 1922

Dr. Kay is no stranger to numismatics, having been involved with the hobby for about 50 years. He is a Past President of the Canadian Numismatic Association, serving in that capacity from 1993-1995. This was preceded by a 2-year term as the CNA's 1st Vice-President in 1991-1993.

He is currently Chairman of the CNA's Editorial Committee, a position he has held for the past 4 years.

An active member of the North York Coin Club, he has served on both ONA and CNA Convention Committees hosted by that club. He also served as the NYCC's 1st Vice President. He has also been involved with the Toronto Coin Club.

He has written numerous original numismatic articles for the CNA Journal, ANA Numismatist, Canadian Coin News, Coin World, The Shekel and the Globe & Mail. The ANA presented him with the Heath Literary Award, the Association's highest literary award, for one of his articles.

He is one of the authors of the highly successful CNA/NESA Correspondence Course and is also an instructor for the 1-day CNA/NESA Educational Seminars conducted at Humber College.



## A MOST UNUSUAL COIN CLUB

by John Regitko, CAWMC member

Would you believe a coin club existed in North America that discourages people attending from the local community? Would you believe that if you show up for a meeting, security guards will actually prevent you from entering the premises to attend their meeting? Would you believe that if you applied for membership they will return your application and money because they would not allow you to even join?

Such a club actually existed, but for a very good reason.

When I worked at Remington Rand from around 1960 to 1980, my business travels took me to Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, just outside of Philadelphia. Because it was the World Headquarters of Sperry Rand Corporation, a number of the Corporation's divisions operated their research facilities out of the same location. For example, Sperry Gyroscope, who equipped about 80% of the worlds commercial planes with their gyro stabilizing equipment, was developing new laser technology. Sperry Univac (as it was called back then, since purchased by Burroughs who then renamed the new merged company Unisys) was doing advanced research on computer chips, miniaturization and other technical things and a lot of laser projects that were considered top secret. Because they wanted to keep prying eyes out of the complex, security was very, very tight. To get

through the gates, you had to be "signed in" by one of the executives, wear an I.D. badge and be personally walked only to the offices were you were authorized to go.

Since meetings were held in the cafeteria within the complex, outsiders were simply not allowed into the building...and therefore could not attend meetings.

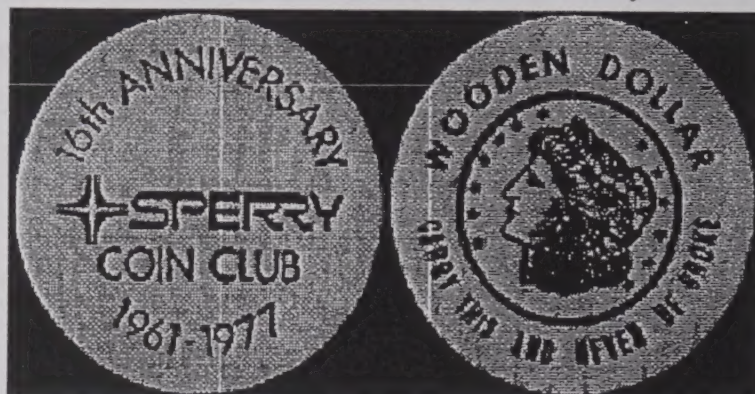
The Sperry Rand Coin Club issued a medal in 1976 commemorating both the 200th Anniversary of the



United States as well as the 15th Anniversary of the coin club (illustrated above). I obtained a copy of the medal during one of my visits to the world complex.

As well, they issued a wooden token in 1977 to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the club (illustrated to the right).

The club ceased to exist when Univac and Burrows merged to form Unisys.



### SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COIN SHOW:

**LOCATION:** 91 Eastpark Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario

**DATE:** November 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2003

**HOURS:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free Admission - Refreshments will be available

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